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Editorial Comment

VICTORY NOTE

So this is the week that our boys are to enter Tokyo.

At long last it has come. Anticipation for some time, because August 14 they let go with shouts of victory when the Japs said they would come to terms.

But many didn't really feel it would be over until we got to Tokyo. . . . and this is the week.

And so now we can say: IT IS OVER! WE WON THE WAR!

What a long way we had to come to reach this hour. . . .

From Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay, Midway, Kwajalein, Roi, Iwo Jima, Itoya, Eniwetok, And Los Negros, Manus, Morotai, Lae, New Guinea, Hollandia, Peleliu, Ormoc, and two Okinawas, Luzon. From Bataan to the Kuriles, thousands of names we never heard of before and may never see again only in history books. There is glory for all the citizen Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Seabees, Air Force, Nurses, Merchant Marine, Service Units.

God Bless America!

God HAS blessed America. Our casualties have been relatively minimum for so great an effort.

Appreciation is due, too, to the American working man in the mills, factories and laboratories. Mountain piles of goods and fighting equipment have been turned out in amazingly brief time, and sent to Africa, to England, to Russia, to France, to Italy, to Australia, to Hawaii and Guam, to the Philippines, to Okinawa, and India and New Guinea, and hundreds of other bases.

We out-fought and we out-produced the foe. Victory has been paid for in blood and staggering strains upon total resources.

Our way of life has been vindicated and preserved. Injustice in many lands has been averaged.

We must not now grow selfish, relaxed and complacent.

ARMY MIGHTY NEWS

From Chicago Daily News

The Japanese surrender presents a situation without parallel in history.

Here is a nation whose principal objective for nearly half a century has been war or preparation for war.

Here is a nation with one of the mightiest armies ever assembled. Japan has millions of a thoroughly trained, admirably equipped soldiers, eager to fight and die for their emperor; yet Japan has never committed a large portion of its armed might to battle.

That vast, effective army has been rendered impotent by-passed, left to wither on the vine.

Nothing quite like it has ever happened before.

The Jap army was rendered impotent because the American Navy knocked out the Jap navy at Midway and chopped up the remaining pieces whenever they ventured within range of our fleet; because the American Army wrested precious islands from the Japs that we could use as air bases; because our air forces knocked the Jap air forces from the skies; because our atomic bomb provided the clinching argument.

SLOW ROAD TO PEACE

From Winchester Star

Hard as it is to silence every single gun in the Pacific area and to get down to the business of arranging peace terms, the task might have been even more difficult if the Japanese emperor had been blotted completely out of the picture.

Hirohito is no attractive figure and certainly shares with the military clique the responsibility for the war in the Pacific, but that anybody else or any other group could have proved more effective in surrendering Nippon is to be doubted. It is to this nation's temporary advantage that the final compromise arrangements did leave the emperor on his throne.

If the peace program is not moving forward with the expected speed, it is due in part to the Oriental habit of acting slowly and deliberately, to a fatalistic which keeps individual Japanese from ever giving up and to inability to reach troops and fliers operating in mountain fastnesses far from the main body of the army.

Mr. Over, the experiences of

of this war are no different from the experiences of every war in history. Never has it been possible to sustain all the firing at one given moment.

THE FUTURE FOR FARMERS

From Eastern Shore News

James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, wants a new agricultural program to prevent "an agricultural deflation of the land that followed the last war."

This is an important phase of the nation's post war economy and one that should be engaging the best thought of our financiers, industrialists and business men.

It is so because there can be no basic prosperity in the United States unless the one-fourth of our population living on farms possesses sufficient buying power to take a large share of non-farm products.

It should be understood that Mr. Patton does not suggest a farm program to maintain the status quo as to farm prices and profits. Nor does his suggestion intimate that there will not be some deflation when the heavy-spending war ends. He asks for a program to avoid what happened after the last war.

It is very important that farmers understand the economic principles that affect agriculture. This will enable them to correctly appraise conditions and to understand that intelligent action on their part is necessary to avoid a repetition of the disastrous period of the early Twenties.

Farmers know that they can produce much more than the American people can consume and that the prosperity of agriculture depends upon the reasonable proportion of millions of foreigners and the creation of conditions favorable to the development of international commerce.

Farmers of the United States, as a class, under present conditions should vigorously oppose the idea that the American market should belong exclusively to Americans. They need the purchasing power of foreign countries if their products are to be sold at a fair price. The only way that foreign countries can buy agricultural products from this country is through the sale of goods and services to Americans.

To stop one process is to stop both.

OUR LAND

From New York Times

We Americans love our land in a way that only Americans can understand, and even we are not always quite aware of its meaning.

We fight for it, defend it with words or arms, praise it unthinkingly, criticize its faults, fear and mutilate its beauties, set aside its grandeur as parks. We love its woods and fields and mountains and deserts and lakes and streams, its cities and towns and farms; we need the assurance of its reality around us.

That largely explains the rush of motorists out onto the roads, because the gasoline rationing was ended. Gasoline tanks were filled up and away rolled the cars, of every vintage, in all states of dissolution. There was an element of triumph in it, to be sure, celebration of one more restriction lifted, but even there, it was also a celebration of freedom to go, to get in touch again, even though at sixty miles an hour and on a crowded highway, with America.

In the East, it was the freedom to get among the little towns, out on the ridges where the eye can travel over the land and comprehend once more its solidity, its extent.

In the Midwest it was the freedom to ride once more through the farmland, see the late fields of corn, the herds of hogs and cattle, the muddy rivers and the cool drives, the rich plenty of this land. In the West it was the freedom to go to the mountain coolness, the solitude of the broad, ed peaks, the breadth of the high ranges, trout streams and valley hay fields and spruce slopes and wheat-ripe benchlands.

We need this reassurance, this tangible understanding of our America. We know our strength as a nation, as never before; we need reach troops and fliers operating now to renew contact with the land from which springs that

trough

FUN LIVES ON

Magazines made up of nothing but comic strips are reported to be far in the front among periodicals and other reading matter favored by the men in the nation's armed forces. In some quarters concern has been expressed about this situation. But why?

There is no reason for educators, child psychologists and others to be perturbed. The shapes of the lives of the younger generation count among their number. The great minds which dote on the comic. Who has not among his friends able and worthy citizens who interrupt their reading of front page stories and turn over to the pages to see what the comic characters are up to?

There is good reason why most newspapers give considerable space to these strips. They provide not only what teachers of dramatics call comic relief, but also express the feeling and tempo of modern life. Even Shakespeare had his Dromio, Caliban and other characters of the type which may be taken as the precursors of the clown and valets of the funny pages of today.

Educators may well give over fretting about the influence of the comic and bend their gifts and efforts against other and more serious exercises of the writers and artists. Aristophanes, the ancient funny man still lives in the theater of today, more than 2,000 years after many of the comic and valet characters of his time died and were soon forgotten.

A REAL ASSET

From Pittsburgh Star

The Pittsburgh AAA, with offices in the County Building, is one of the real assets to the farmers of the County. Among other things it handles a business involving \$250,000 each year.

The County AAA is operated by three farmer committeemen who are elected each year by the farmers in the county, and 36 community committeemen who are elected each year by the farmers of their respective communities.

Conservation of land and administering market quota of tobacco are the big jobs of the County AAA and during the past eight years the use of time by the farmers in the county has increased about two and one-half times.

Other conserving practices encouraged by the local AAA are the use of phosphate and establishing and improving permanent pastures.

In order to increase milk production without increasing the retail price the Federal Government decided to make a direct payment to the producers of milk and butterfat, and 300 farmers in Pittsburgh are participating in this program. Recognizing that the only way to increase the pounds of meat available quickly was to encourage holding beef cattle and lambs for a heavier weight, the Government offered payments on the sale of beef cattle and lambs of specified weights. The County AAA Committee is now making direct payments to producers marketing these commodities.

It has long been conceded by most people in the county that a sound insurance program is essential. We now have available in the county excellent provisions for life insurance, fire insurance, automobile insurance, and hail insurance. However, no one has so far worked out a sound all-risk crop insurance program. Last year the congress passed legislation intended to develop a low-risk crop insurance program, and in Pittsburgh farmers were given an opportunity to insure their tobacco crop against unavoidable losses. Over 500 tobacco growers took advantage of this program, and a number, whose crops suffered, will

recover under the tobacco insurance act. The County AAA will of all-risk what insurance on the crop to be harvested in 1946. A careful study of this insurance will reveal that it is not a substitute for hail insurance or fire insurance, but is a supplement to these types of insurance.

The County AAA has helped with the marketing of many scarce items necessary for agricultural production, and is continuing to assist farmers, wherever possible, to secure necessary production facilities.

The County AAA administrators loan and support price programs for the government. These programs have not been generally denied by Pittsburgh farmers; wheat and orchard grass seed loans are available in case they are needed.

While the Triple A passed into history Saturday, a new super-agency—the Production and Marketing Administration—takes up where the Triple A leaves off.

DEMobilIZATION

From Washington Post

Nothing the Army or Navy can do to speed up demobilization of our armed forces will wholly satisfy the public or the men and women who are being released from military service. Since this war is over, there is a profound desire to have service personnel back in civilian clothes and civilian jobs. Anything that stands in the way of this objective provokes impatience. The public must realize, however, that it takes time to demobilize an enormous army, just as it does to place such an army in the first place.

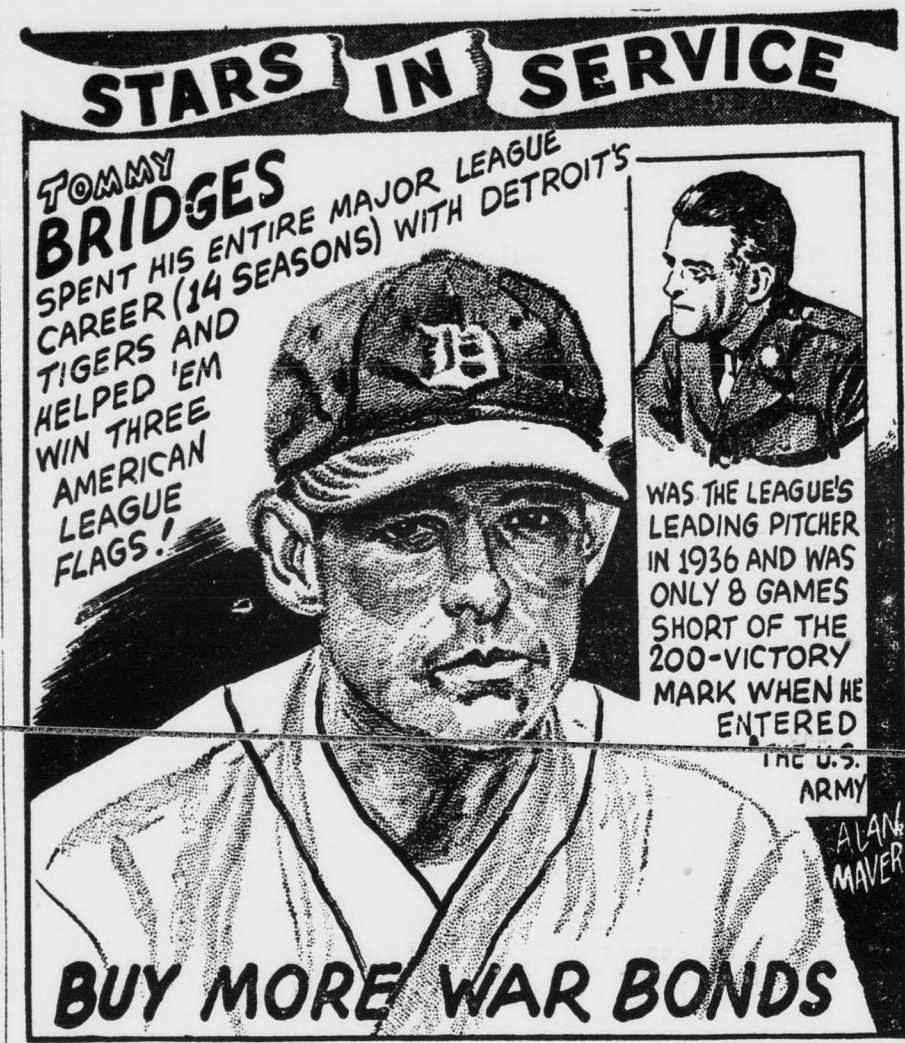
It is obvious, too, that demobilization must be accomplished in an orderly manner. The men and women must be released in a controlled manner. Occupation troops must be retained, and some experts must be held to perform various services for men who have the most important jobs in the country. Among these are the orthopedic mechanics who fit artificial limbs for maimed veterans. Another example is the personnel operating the demobilization stations. To release men from the armed forces indiscriminately would mean intolerable chaos.

PETER B. PEEVE

ONE APPLE A DAY WILL KEEP THE DOCTOR AWAY

(WNU Service)

DOCTOR, WILL YOU COME OVER AS SOON—



U.S. Treasury Department

Congress will take up matter of keeping Selective Service when it convenes in September.

Peace-time uses of the newly developed atomic power will be slow in development.

OPA will hold prices on new automobiles so near the level of 1942.

American industry will gain by use of German secrets.

Canada is retaining her key war controls.

St. Louis Cardinals gain in the National League race.

Army may soon change point requirement for discharge.

Office of War Information soon to be liquidated.

End of curbs near on many exports.

Likely to continue meat rationing for few more weeks.

U. S. sampans now plying rivers of China.

Chinese occupy Canton.

Schools open soon.

Army releasing of personnel in ahead of sched. 1.

Jobs for returning service men new problem.

Have your new items in early to insure publication.

Phone 30 with Personalities.

Chiang and Russia sign a new friendship treaty.

Pravda warns Allies against trusting Japs.

Typhoid case are on increase in Berlin.

Stettinius leaves for meeting in London.

De Gaulle tribute to Roosevelt.

China has regained full control in Shanghai.

IMPROVED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, a member of the National Sunday School Teachers' Association, and a member of the National Sunday School Teachers' Association.

Lesson for September 2

Lesson subjects and Scripture texts as given in the Bible for the week of September 2, 1945.

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 22:1-14.

GOLDEN TEXT—Sweet thou art as gold, for thou art precious to me. (Prov. 23:23)

Does it pay to trust God? Does he know about the sorrows and troubles of His people? Does He have anything to do with the affairs of the world? Men are asking questions in our day, and we have answers in the Bible.

The story of Joseph is fascinating from almost any angle, but it has no more important truth than that no man who honors God in his life will be honored by God. (Gen. 22:30), even in the hardest place, and in the highest position.

Joseph appears before us in our lesson as a prisoner.

It is surprising how often one finds the story of Joseph in the Bible. It is a story of a man who was sold into slavery, but who prospered there only to be disgraced and imprisoned because of the lying accusation of an Egyptian woman—all these are in the background of our lesson.

Now that he was in prison, presumably his influence was gone and his usefulness at an end. Not so, for God can be with a man in the prison as well as in the palace.

He soon became the head man of the prison. He was a prisoner, but he was the king's chief butler, who, though forgotten for a day, did eventually say the word which brought Joseph back into power. (Gen. 40:1-23; 41:1-53).

The obvious lesson and lesson truth here is that when one of God's people finds himself in a difficult place, he can rest assured that God will be with him. His own plan and purpose. Why not trust Him all the time for His deliverance?

Joseph the God-prophesied prisoner now becomes

II. A Prophet Prepared by God (41:1-16, 20).

The hour had come when a man who had been a prisoner for seven years was to be released. In preparation for the six years of famine the Lord wanted to use the land of Egypt as his granary. He wanted to use to preserve the chosen nation of Israel as well as to meet the needs of others.

The vision of the king, plain as it seemed when interpreted, was intelligible without the key. Joseph was ready to be called from prison to speak the right word at the right time.

How important it is that the Lord's messengers be prepared to respond in the hour of need. His blessing and opportunity may be missed if we are not ready to answer the call of God at the right time.

Notice that Joseph gave God the glory (41:20). The one who truly knows what is going on in the world is quick to recognize that it is God who is working. Let us be sufficient for man's need. Let us be wise and the grace of God be sufficient for man's need. Let us be quick to recognize that it is God who is working. Let us be sufficient for man's need. Let us be wise and the grace of God be sufficient for man's need.

Joseph's prophetic word marked him as God's man to carry out God's plan, so we see him now as God's man to carry out God's plan. (41:41-43).

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It may be well to stress the fact that God is interested in government and in the men who hold public office. He is the only true foundation for government is found in God. We are told to "seek the will of God" (1 Thess. 5:18).

It is no power but of God, the power that is the highest power, that is to be ordained of God (Rom. 13:1).

The Bible clearly teaches that every governmental agency and every public servant, from the postman on the corner to the President of the United States, is permitted to exercise authority over the people only because God has ordained that they should be such government.

Clear it is that every right-thinking official of state and nation should be humble, teachable, and wise in the exercise of his power, and God-fearing in the discharge of his responsibility.

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You'll Ever Have

Consult Your

EYE PHYSICIAN

Then See Your

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